

Remarks

Applicants and the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for his efforts in the examination of this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection of Claim 25 under 35 USC 112

The Examiner has rejected Claim 25 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness.

Claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of Claim 2, that is, to read that at least one image is displayed “in three-dimensional form.”

Thus this rejection is believed overcome.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-24 and 26 under 35 USC 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-24 and 26 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Alloul et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,032,130).

Independent Claims 1, 12, 15, 19, and 26 have been amended to more particularly point out that which Applicants regard as their invention. In particular, Claim 1 has been amended to recite additional method steps of; “if purchase data have been stored, if desired, establishing a communication link between the processor and a remote vendor for order processing;” and, “if it is not desired to initiate order processing, storing the purchase data on a device accessible by the processor”.

Alloul teaches that the user's processor must be connected to the Internet during the shopping experience, in order to “fetch small volumes of catalog data”. The present

invention provides a method whereby the entire shopping experience can be carried out offline, with a subsequent purchase possible via the Internet immediately or subsequently, as recited in new Claims 27, 30, and 32. This is accomplished by storing the purchase data locally, and not initiating an Internet connection until the purchaser desires to submit an order.

Further, as recited in new Claims 28, 29, 31, and 33, a reminder feature is supplied wherein, if purchase data have been stored locally an order for which has not been placed, the user is alerted so that a choice may again be made whether to submit the order at that time.

The other independent claims, Claims 12, 15, 19, and 26 have been similarly amended to recite these feature.

Thus independent Claims 1, 12, 15, 19, and 26, and dependent Claims 2-11, 13, 14, 16-18, 20-25, and 27-33 are believed patentably distinct from Alloul.

Conclusions

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments place this application in a condition for allowance, and passage to issue is respectfully solicited. The Applicants and the undersigned would like to again thank the Examiner for his efforts in the examination of this application and for reconsideration of the claims as amended in light of the arguments presented. If the further prosecution of the application can be facilitated through telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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